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To allow communities to develop alternative flood insurance rate maps, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LUETKEMEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To allow communities to develop alternative flood insurance
rate maps, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Mapping
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY FLOOD MAPS.**

7 (a) TECHNICAL MAPPING ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Sec-
8 tion 100215 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Re-
9 form Act of 2012 (42 U.S.C. 4101a) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “and”
3 at the end;

4 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
5 paragraph (9); and

6 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
7 following new paragraphs:

8 “(6) recommend to the Administrator methods
9 or actions to make the flood mapping processes more
10 efficient;

11 “(7) recommend to the Administrator methods
12 or actions to minimize any cost, data, and paper-
13 work requirements of the flood mapping processes;

14 “(8) assist communities, and in particular
15 smaller communities, in locating the resources re-
16 quired to participate in the development of flood ele-
17 vations and flood hazard area designations; and”;
18 and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(m) COMMUNITY FLOOD MAPS.—

22 “(1) STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.—In addi-
23 tion to the other duties of the Council under this
24 section, not later than the expiration of the 12-
25 month period beginning on the date of the enact-

1 ment of this subsection, the Council shall rec-
2 ommend to the Administrator standards and re-
3 quirements for chief executive officers, or entities
4 designated by chief executive officers, of States and
5 communities participating in the National Flood In-
6 surance Program to use in mapping flood hazards
7 located in States and communities that choose to de-
8 velop alternative maps to the flood insurance rate
9 maps developed by the Agency. The recommended
10 standards and requirements shall include procedures
11 for providing notification and appeal rights to indi-
12 viduals within the communities of the proposed flood
13 elevation determinations.

14 “(2) EXEMPTION FROM RULEMAKING.—Until
15 such time as the Administrator promulgates regula-
16 tions implementing paragraph (1) of this subsection,
17 the Administrator may, notwithstanding any other
18 provision of law, adopt policies and procedures nec-
19 essary to implement such paragraphs without under-
20 going notice and comment rulemaking and without
21 conducting regulatory analyses otherwise required by
22 statute, regulation, or executive order.”.

23 (b) FEMA IDENTIFICATION OF FLOOD-PRONE
24 AREAS.—Subsection (a) of section 1360 of the National

1 Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4101(a)) is
2 amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”;

5 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
6 subparagraphs (A), and (B), respectively, and re-
7 aligning such subparagraphs so as to be indented 4
8 ems from the left margin;

9 (3) by striking “is authorized to consult” and
10 inserting the following: “is authorized—

11 “(1) to consult”;

12 (4) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(2) to receive proposed alternative maps from
15 communities developed pursuant to standards and
16 requirements recommended by the Technical Map-
17 ping Advisory Council, as required by section
18 100215(m) of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance
19 Reform Act of 2012 (42 U.S.C. 4101a(m)) and
20 adopted by the Administrator as required by section
21 100216(c)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 4101b(c)(3)),
22 so that the Administrator may—

23 “(A) publish information with respect to
24 all flood plain areas, including coastal areas lo-

1 cated in the United States, which have special
2 flood hazards, and

3 “(B) establish or update flood-risk zone
4 data in all such areas, and make estimates with
5 respect to the rates of probable flood caused
6 loss for the various flood risk zones for each of
7 these areas until the date specified in section
8 1319.”.

9 (c) NATIONAL FLOOD MAPPING PROGRAM.—Section
10 100216 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform
11 Act of 2012 (42 U.S.C. 4101b) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “prepared by
13 the Administrator, or by a community pursuant to
14 section 1360(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance
15 Act of 1968,” after “Program rate maps”;

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “and”
18 at the end;

19 (B) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking the
20 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
21 and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraphs:

24 “(3) establish and adopt standards and require-
25 ments for development by States and communities of

1 alternative flood insurance rate maps to be sub-
2 mitted to the Administrator pursuant to section
3 1360(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance Act of
4 1968, taking into consideration the recommenda-
5 tions of the Technical Mapping Advisory Council
6 made pursuant to section 100215(m) of this Act (42
7 U.S.C. 4101a(m)); and

8 “(4) in the case of proposed alternative maps
9 received by the Administrator pursuant to such sec-
10 tion 1360(a)(2), not later than the expiration of the
11 6-month period beginning upon receipt of such pro-
12 posed alternative maps—

13 “(A) determine whether such maps were
14 developed in accordance with the standards and
15 requirements adopted pursuant to paragraph
16 (3) of this subsection; and

17 “(B) approve or disapprove such proposed
18 maps for use under National Flood Insurance
19 Program.”; and

20 (3) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting “max-
21 imum” before “30-day period” each place such term
22 appears in subparagraphs (B) and (C).